

Remarks

I. Status

Applicants have amended claim 1, cancelled claims 2-19 and presented new claims 20-40. Thus, claims 1 and 20-40 are presently pending.

The amendment to claim 1 is fully supported by the original specification. Support for the recitation that the polyoxime composition is attached to a solid support can be found, *inter alia*, at page 25, lines 1-10 of the specification. Support for the recitation that the baseplate organic molecule is a polypeptide be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 27-28 of the specification

Support for the recitation that the baseplate organic molecule is to be linked to at least two second organic molecules, which may be the same or different from one another, and that the linkages between said baseplate organic molecule and the second organic molecules are oxime linkages can be found, *inter alia*, at page 3, lines 13-29 of the specification, wherein compositions having a “plurality” (i.e., two or more) of second organic molecules linked to a baseplate are disclosed (please also see the divalent baseplates discussed at page 21, lines 30-31, and in the Examples). All other amendments are believed to be self-explanatory.

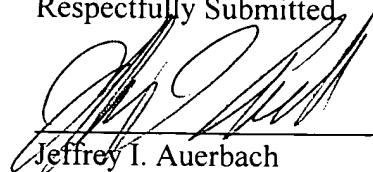
New claims 20-45 are fully supported by the original specification. Support for claims 20-23, 25-27, and 30-31 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, line 24, at page 6, lines 9-10, at page 10, lines 14-15, and at page 11, lines 16-23. Support for claims 24, 28 and 29 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 8, lines 32-36. Support for claims 32-38 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 19, line 18 – page 21, line 10. Support for claim 39 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 23, lines 27-32. Support for claims 40-45 can be found, *inter*

alia, at page 25, lines 1-10. No new matter has thus been added by any of the requested amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

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